

31st December, 1952, i.e., they must have been born on or after 1st January, 1922 and on or before 31st December, 1926.

Candidates for the Assistant Experimental Officer grade must be at least 18 years and under 28 years of age on 31st December, 1952, i.e., they must have been born on or after 1st January, 1925 and on or before 31st December, 1934.

But for each grade a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may for this purpose deduct his period of such service from his actual age. Service in H.M. Forces on a Duration of Emergency engagement or under the National Service Acts cannot be reckoned for this purpose.

2. Sex and Marriage

(i) Both men and women may compete under these Regulations.

(ii) Married women who have formerly been established Civil Servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widows or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid.

3. Nationality.

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at death a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

Provided that a candidate will not be eligible for an appointment under the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply, unless he or she is a natural-born British subject and born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions of parents also born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions except when the circumstances are such as to justify a departure from the general rule, in which case, provided the candidate satisfies the conditions prescribed by the preceding paragraphs, he or she may be admitted by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, Secretary of State for Air, or Minister of Supply, as the case may be.

4. Qualification

Normally every candidate must be in possession of one of the undermentioned qualifications:—

(i) The higher School Certificate with Mathematics or a science subject as a principal subject, or an equivalent qualification.

(ii) A General Certificate of Education in five subjects at the levels shown in brackets:—

(a) English language (Ordinary)

(b) Two mathematical or scientific subjects (Advanced)

(c) Mathematics (Ordinary), if no mathematical subject is offered in (b)—except in the case of candidates who offer two biological subjects (Advanced) in (b)

(d) A scientific subject (Ordinary) if no scientific subject is offered in (b)

(e) Balance of one or two subjects (Ordinary) at candidates' choice.

To assist candidates during the change-over period they will be admitted to this competition if they already possess a School Certificate and in addition obtain passes at the General Certificate of Education examination in two mathematical or scientific subjects at Advanced level.

Candidates educated in Scotland or Northern Ireland must produce a statement from the Scottish Education Department or the Ministry of Education

for Northern Ireland showing that they have attained a standard equivalent to that required by (i) or (ii) above.

(iii) A university degree in a scientific or engineering subject or in Mathematics.

(iv) Associateship of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, or graduate membership of any other professional institution accepted by the Commissioners as appropriate (e.g., Institution of Civil Engineers, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Institution of Electrical Engineers).

(v) The Higher National Certificate.

(vi) The final certificate of a five-year grouped course in a relevant subject at the City and Guilds of London Institute.

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(vii) Candidates who are not in possession of such certificate or equivalent qualifications may be admitted exceptionally by the Commissioners, at their discretion, if evidence of suitable experience on scientific research and development work can be produced; such candidates at present serving in a Government Department must be certified by that Department as being worthy of consideration.

Candidates over 20 (other than Established Assistants (Scientific)) will generally be expected to have a Pass Degree or to have a technical qualification of similar standard, e.g., Higher National Certificate.

5. Application

A candidate sitting for an examination during 1952 with a view to obtaining any of the qualifications set out above may be admitted to the Competition before the result of the examination is known. He will not, however, be declared successful unless on the result of the examination he satisfies Regulation 4.

A candidate admitted under this concession will be expected to furnish documentary evidence of the result of the examination to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

A candidate may make one, and only one, application under these Regulations.

6. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners as to their health and character.

7. Candidates trained as Teachers.

Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

8. Competition.

(i) The Commissioners may at their discretion summon candidates to a preliminary informal interview.

(ii) A certain number of the candidates will be chosen on the basis of the information available, to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners.

The vacancies available to Assistant Experimental Officers will be divided between candidates under 20 years of age and over 20 years of age at the discretion of the Commissioners.

(iii) The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

9. Assignment.

It will rest with the Commissioners to determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service but the wishes of candidates will be met as far as possible.

10. Canvassing

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their Application Forms, will disqualify them for appointment.

11. Fee.

A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of 15s. before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

Office of The High Commissioner for India.

The High Commissioner for India has, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, appointed Messrs. W. Cunningham, and T. Kincaid, both Assistant Superintendents, Mercantile Marine Office, Glasgow, to superintend the transfer of Lascars or other persons and to